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NEW FLAG FOR AZERBAYDZHAN SSR

/The Azerbaydzhan flag is the third union republic flag to be changed within the past year. The Belorussian flag was changed on 25 December 1951 [   ] and the Uzbek flag on 29 August 1952 [   ] The new flags are more distinctive than the old, which were identical to that of the USSR except for minor details.7

By a 7 October 1952 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Azerbaydzhan SSR, changes in the state flag of the Azerbaydzhan SSR have been decreed. The old flag was red with a gold hammer and sickle and the inscription "AzSSR" in the Azerbaydzhan language in the upper corner near the staff.

The new Azerbaydzhan flag consists of two horizontal bands. The upper band is red and makes up three fourths of the width of the flag. In the upper left corner near the staff are the gold hammer and sickle and above them the red five-pointed star outlined in gold. The lower band is blue and makes up one fourth of the width of the flag. The over-all ratio of width to length of the flag is 1:2.

The ukase also provided that a proposal for the pertinent changes and amendments to Article 152 of the Azerbaydzhan Constitution be introduced for confirmation by the Supreme Soviet of the republic.
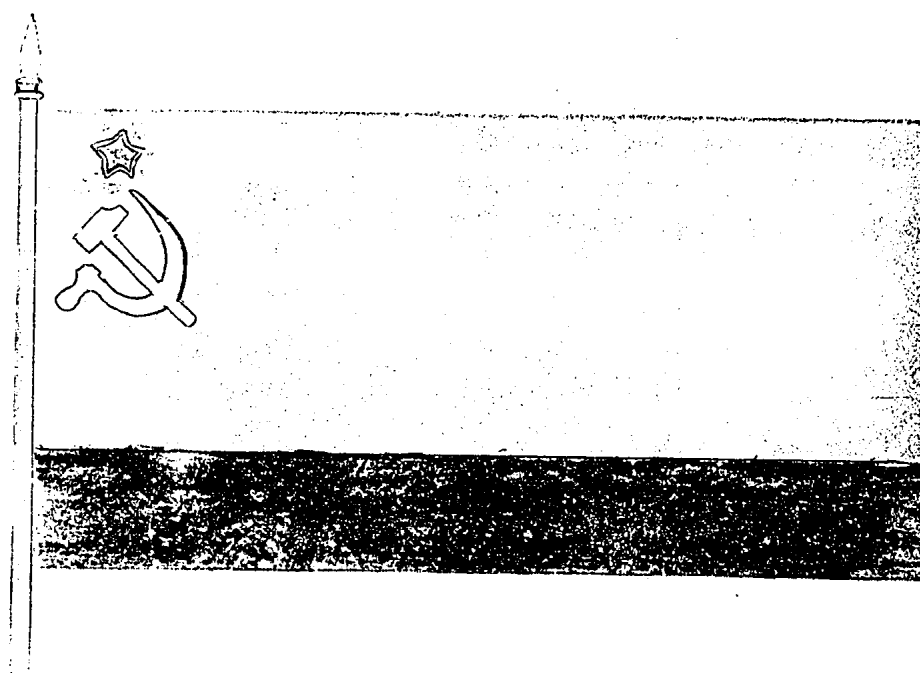
A sketch of the new Azerbaydzhan flag follows.

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